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LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMPENSATION COMMISSION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour of forwarding to you a copy of the reply I sent on 20 October 1998 to the Vice-President of Iraq, Taha Yasin Ramadan, in response to his letter dated 30 September 1998 (see annex). Mr. Ramadan sent identical letters to both the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General (S/1998/910).

(Signed) Gonçalo DE SANTA CLARA GOMES
President of the Governing Council of the
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ANNEX

Letter dated 20 October 1998 from the President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Compensation Commission to the Vice-President of Iraq

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 30 September 1998 concerning certain corporate claims from the tourism sector that were referred to in three reports of the Executive Secretary prepared pursuant to article 16 of the Provisional Rules for Claims Procedure (the Rules). The letter has been circulated to all members of the Governing Council.

As you are aware, article 16 reports are intended to indicate the Governments, international organizations or other eligible parties that have submitted claims; the categories of claims submitted; the number of claimants in each consolidated claim; the total amount of compensation sought in each consolidated claim; and any significant legal and factual issues raised by the claims. These reports are circulated to the Government of Iraq as well as to all Governments and international organizations that have filed claims with the Commission. In response to these reports, the Government of Iraq and claimant Governments and international organizations have regularly provided valuable information and views which have been transmitted to the relevant panels of Commissioners for their consideration in the course of resolving the claims.

The article 16 reports do not include any determinations or recommendations in respect of the claims that are reported therein. Such determinations and recommendations are made by the panels of Commissioners responsible, under the Rules, for resolving the claims. The panels' reports and recommendations concerning the claims are then presented to the Governing Council for its consideration. It is the Governing Council that ultimately decides whether the panels' recommendations should be approved.

(Signed) Gonçalo DE SANTA CLARA GOMES
President of the Governing Council of the
United Nations Compensation Commission